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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

4-20	PENNSIC XXXV *Æthelmearc*
11-13	CLANN WARS *Nahrun Kabirun* ○
27	PACK GAMES *Blaiddwyn* ○

SEPTEMBER

1-4	THREE STAGS AUTUMN BATTLE & FAIRE *Three Stags*
9-10	CROWN TOURNAMENT *Caerthe* ⌘
15-17	CHAMPIONS *al-Barran* ○
22-24	STAKED PLAINS *Blackwater Keep* ○

OCTOBER

14	STAGSCON *Blaiddwyn* ○
21	A&S CHAMPIONSHIP *Caerthe*

⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the populace of al-Barran, Greetings!

Lady Monika and I are listening to the wise counsel of many and our job is becoming a little easer, thank you and please feel free to continue.

We wish to thank all of those officers and retainers of the Court of al-Barran that reaccepted their positions and all of the new officers for accepting theirs. We also wish the best to those that retired thank you for all of your hard work.

Monika and I had a very good time at Lonely Mountain Defender. Huzzah to Sir Muiredach MacGregor, known as Mordygan, for his knighting.

We will be very busy in the next few months with events and are still trying to get our feet under us. Champions is fast approaching and we look forward to seeing all of you out there having a wonderful time.

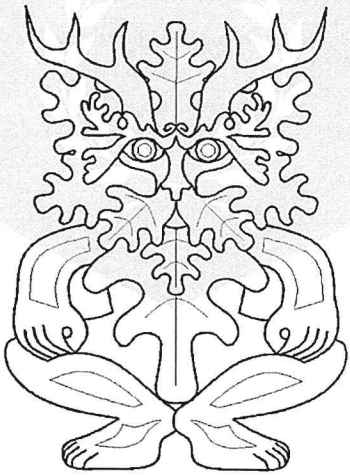
I will be going to Clann Wars. I hope to have as large of a contingent as possible with me to be able to show the southern Outlands a very special time.

One last thing, please strive to travel safe this summer, where ever you may be going, and have a great time when you get there.

In service to the Barony,

Gregor **BARON**

Monika **BARONESS**



From the Seneschal

Greetings unto All,

What a month July turned out to be! All those events going on were plenty to keep everyone going. Baronial Investiture was awesome. Lonely Mountain was beautiful, as always. Blackwater Keep A&S was a great learning experience for all who could attend, and Outlands 20th Year was a once in a lifetime opportunity. August is looking to be another busy month but a little more spread out in distance with events going on from Clann Wars in Nahrun Kabirun all the way up to Here There Be Dragons in Plattefordham. No matter what weekend you may have free, it looks like there's something going on so go out, have a good time, and represent al-Barran to the rest of the Outlands.

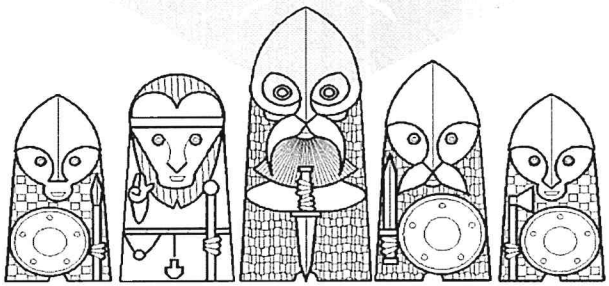
Congratulations to Lord Cuinn for his selection as Their Excellencies' Scorpion Pursuivant. I am still looking for applicants as Mistress/Master of the Lists and Mistress Monika is looking for applicants to take her place as Scribe (see her report for more information on this). I am looking for applications to be in by the end of August for both of these with the new officer to step up at al-Barran Champions in September.

Speaking of al-Barran Champions, please volunteer to help Lord Sean out with this. He's working hard to put on an enormously important event and he's going to need volunteers to make sure that all the great activities he has planned go off without a hitch. He's a great guy, but I'm sure he hasn't perfected the art of being in two places at once. (If he has, I wish he'd teach me how to do it...) But there are going to be a lot of great competitions, activities, and even some classes going on so make it a point to spend a great weekend with us out at Land's End.

I'd like to thank Mistress Cailte for her beautiful illumination and calligraphy as well as the artistry of her poem to TEs Ryan and Tana. Vivant. Thanks also need to go to Lady Kymma for working so hard to make the Shaft the wonderful newsletter that it is.

Looking forward to seeing you all at fighter practices and hopefully (job willing) at events this month.

In Service,
Lord Y Port Lairge



From the A&S Minister

Greetings,

There are still opportunities to teach classes in August for Arts in the Park. Please contact me if you are interested in sharing your skills and knowledge. I have the following Sundays available for classes: 13th, 20th, and 27th of August.

There have been a lot of busy people in al-Barran this last month! Keep up the good works.

Here are some web sites for those of you interested in Japanese clothing. I found them very useful myself when researching costume for an event a couple of years ago.

http://www.cherryblossomgardens.com/index.htm
http://www.allfiberarts.com/cs/kimono.htm
http://www.japanesekimono.com/index.htm
http://www.reconstructinghistory.com/japanese/HeianDress.htm
http://www.sengokudaimyo.com/ http://reconstructinghistory.com/japanese/
http://web.mit.edu/jpnet/kimono/kimono-history.html

Please continue to send to me the list of A&S activities you have been doing so I can put it into my monthly reports. I need your emails by the 5th of the month.

In Service,
Lady Bianca

From the Chirurgeon

Greetings unto one and all!

I will be stepping down as al-Barran chirurgeon at Baron's Champion and my very capable deputy will take over the post. I have had fun being the chirurgeon and will continue as a chirurgeon, teaching CPR and first aid classes, and working to develop the battlefield chirurgeon units.

Thank you to many of you for taking the time to offer first aid when it was needed and to plan safe camps. To all of you that have provided assistance or supplies when it was needed - thanks.

Sir Dennis

From the Rapier Marshall

Greetings,

Practice at the park is growing at a wonderful rate. Thank you to all newcomers and to all those that are teaching and supporting us at the park on Sundays. Special thanks to Lord Tomas, Lord Traithgren, uthorizing marshals and to Lady Saeloman, my Deputy Baronial Rapier Marshall.

I would also like to remind everyone that we will be starting WAR! practice in the near future. Also we will try to hold a monthly tourney or practice a WAR! scenario.

I'd also like to thank Their Majesties for all their support in the new authorizing for both heavy and light and all their support of the rapier community. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at pyratecook@yahoo.com or at 505-304-3391.

In Service,
Lord JT

From the Chronicler

Warm greetings, al-Barran!

I am still looking for a deputy or two to assist with putting together the al-Barran directory and other tasks associated with the Chronicler's office. If you are interested, please email me at chronicler@al-barran.org. The only requirements are that you have a computer and reliable internet access. Everything else can easily be learned and I am happy to teach.

As always, I'm seeking original artwork and articles for the Shaft. This month, we have an interesting article on archery from Lady Lyneya. I hope that you will be inspired by her submission and send something of your own relating to your favorite SCA topic. Don't be shy! Submissions for the September issue are due to me no later than August 18.

In glad service,
Lady Kymma

From the Deputy Captain of Archers

Greetings unto All,

I am Lady Lyneya del Filde, deputy Captain of Archers. Al-Barran archery has been off to a good start this season. There was good shooting at Grand Outlandish and at away events such as Birds of a Feather (Blackwater Keep) and Warders of the Western Gate (Fontaine). As we come into August, the shooting field moves afar (Pennsic, Colorado) with the exception of Clann War down in Nahrun Kabirun.

Therefore, August will be a good month for practices. All archers are encouraged to attend practices Saturday at 10 am held at Master Tore's. (Directions are available on the discussion list or by request). This is preparation for al-Barran Champions in September, the beginning of the end of the shooting season. Take this opportunity to post royal round scores, improve and enjoy the company of fellow archers.

For August, I am also looking to schedule archery related classes (arrow-making and more), either following regular practice or at non-shooting venues. Dates and times will be announced as they are confirmed. Any interested gentle who wishes to teach any archery related topic should contact me.

Yours in Service,
Lady Lyneya

al-Barran Youth Team

This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers. To join this free yahoo discussion list, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/ Please contact Lady Jayne Barber (aka Lady Barbara) at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for additional information and also see the al-Barran Youth Team article in this Shaft about youth activities and other plans.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber
Youth Activities Information Contact Person

From the Baronial Scribe

My last report was before Grand Outlandish so I would like to thank the many baronial scribes who completed baronial and kingdom scrolls for that event and also for the last court of TE Ryan and Tana at Stag's Bloodbath. Approximately 20 baronial scribes were involved in completing scrolls for these two events. Congratulations to the many worthy recipients of these awards - please thank the scribe who made your scroll. Scribal workshops continue to be held weekly under the direction of THL Ymanya at the workshop of Baron Sebastian and THL Alexandra with an average of 6 scribes in attendance. This has become a regular gathering on Wednesday evenings, and I'm hoping it will be added to both the baronial website and the listing of the regular happenings in the Shaft. A two-part workshop: Introduction to Calligraphy and Illumination, was held with Part One held at Arts in the Park at fighter practice on June 18th. Part Two-hands on practice was held on July 2nd at our scribal workshop site. This workshop will be repeated by me at Blackwater Keep's A&S event on July 22nd.

Another scribal happening occurred on June 5th. Lady Sile and I demonstrated calligraphy and completed the Fight-A-Knight scrolls for the cancer camp demo organized by Lady Gwen. And finally to round out the months of June and July, many of the kingdom scrolls for Lonely Mountain were done by some of our al-Barranian scribes: Mistress Maria Sol de Leon, THL Ymanya, Lady Melodia, Lady Bianca, and myself.

Upcoming scribal events include: Outlands XX Year Anniversary Event, with a scroll display and a Green and Gold Scroll Competition. Details of this can be found on the event website and on Page 23 of July's Outlandish Herald. I hope to see many al-Barranian scribes represented in the competition. In September, we will have our 3rd annual Baronial Scroll Blank competition at al-Barran Champions. The only requirements are that a scroll, with a blank space for the name of a recipient and for the date, be completed for the baronial award of your choosing. The scroll must also include the badge of the award as part of the illumination. You may have more than one entry and entries should be turned in to me, and a panel of judges by 2 p.m. on Saturday at the event.

In closing, it has been a delight for me to see how scribal activities have flourished in the barony over the last two years. It is now time for me to step aside for another to continue this work. Unfortunately neither of my two deputies, Lady Ymanya and Lady Brighid, are able to fill the position of baronial scribe at this time and I do thank them both for their service and the many beautiful scrolls they have completed during their tenure. At this time any scribe interested in this position please send a letter of intent to me, (knapppm@msn.com) with copies to TE Gregor and Monika and the Seneschal, Lord Y. Responsibilities of this office include distribution of scroll assignments to the scribes of the barony as equitably as possible, maintaining a list of baronial scribes, and usually some teaching. Reports are sent on a regular basis to: The Baron and Baroness of al-Barran; the Baronial Seneschal; the Kingdom Scribe and the Scorpion Pursuivant (as your office superiors); and to the Baronial A&S Officer to report on the art of Calligraphy and Illumination. Letters of intent should be received by the end of August with the hope of transitioning the office at the Baronial Champions' event in September.

In service to the Barony of al-Barran and the Scribal Arts, I remain,
Mistress Monika

Regular Activities

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Lord Y, 265-0161.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: THL Chinua, 220-3136.*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lady Elisabeau, 891-4555.*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am at Paradise Hills Park near the northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (west) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (it's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Samuel 891-3821.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am. Please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Don Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Meeting will be on 8/8 at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Duchess Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study and application of all types of weaving and its history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

This Month in Medieval History

1100 - Henry I crowned King of England in Westminster Abbey.

1215 - Pope Innocent III declares the Magna Carta invalid.

1265 - The Battle of Evesham of the Second Barons' War is fought in Worcestershire, with the army of future King Edward I of England defeating the forces of rebellious barons led by Simon de Montfort.

1346 - Hundred Years' War: The military supremacy of the English longbow over the French combination of crossbow and armoured knights is established at the Battle of Crécy.

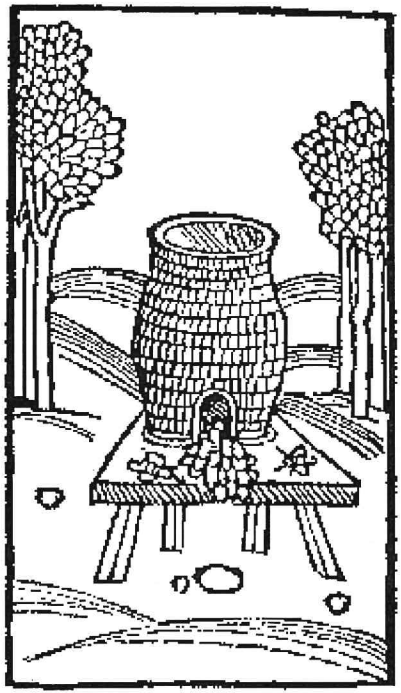
1388 - Battle of Otterburn, border skirmish between the Scottish and the English in Northern England.

1456 - The printing of the Gutenberg Bible is completed.

1461 - Edward IV is crowned king of England.

1483 - Opening of the Sistine Chapel.

1485 - The Battle of Bosworth Field decisively ends the Wars of the Roses.



August Calendar of Events

4-20	Pennsic *AEthelmearc*
9	*Full Moon*
11-13	Clann Wars *Nahrun Kabirun*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

		1	2 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales - Scribes' Workshop	3 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	4	5 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practice
6 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dancing	7	8 - Newcomer's Meeting - Blaiddwyn Project	9 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales - Scribes' Workshop	10 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	11	12 - Archery
13 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	14	15 - Citizen's Meeting - Blaiddwyn Project	16 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales - Scribes' Workshop	17 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	18 - Weaving Workshop **SHAFT ARTICLES DUE!**	19 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practice
20 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dancing	21	22 - Blaiddwyn Project	23 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales	24 - Gammer Gurton's Needle - A&S Exchange Workshop	25	26 - Archery
27 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	28	29 - Blaiddwyn Project	30 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice - Scorpion Scales - Scribes' Workshop	31 - Gammer Gurton's Needle		
				Regular Activities Listings Pages 11&14 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities.		

Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice

Our next Court Dance practices are 8/6, 8/20 and 9/24 at Bataan Park from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Everyone age 6 and up is welcome. Please see the article in this issue for further details. *For more information, contact Lady Jayne at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join our free discussion list: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/*

Scorpion Scales

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians. Instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: **http://home.comcast.net/~shiaomei/sscales.html** to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. *Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article in this issue for current meeting place and monthly focus. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: THL Skia 344-0094 for more information and directions.*

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team

This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to yahoogroups.com and join the al-Barran_Youth _and_Parents list. *Please contact Lady Jayne at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.*

Scribes' Workshop

Learn the art of Calligraphy and Illumination. Scribes gather weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Location is the workshop of Baron Sebastian and THL Alexandra. Please call ahead (256-1906) for directions and to make sure the workshop will be held that night.

Archery in the SCA, an Introduction

by Lady Lyneya del Filde
http://archery.outlands.org

There are two types of archery, target and combat. This article will cover target archery; combat archery is covered under the heavy weapons marshallate.

TARGET ARCHERY

Who can participate? Anybody. There is no age restriction for target archery. Children are required to be accompanied by a legal guardian or parent when on the range (as per MOC rules). Children aged 8 or older can compete in tournaments if their equipment allows them to reach the target. Children are held to the same standard in terms of equipment, safety and following the rules.

I. Equipment

Both Handbows (think Robin Hood type bow) and Crossbows allowed

- Handbows can be recurves or straight bows. Modern compound bows (with lots of pulleys) are not allowed. Can be made of any material. No bow sights (mechanism to help aim arrow). String can be made from modern material and metal nock point also allowed. No metal modern rests, stick-on flipper rests OK.

- Crossbows – must have a wooden stock and simple rear fixed site. See archery handbook for more information.

Arrows (Bolts for crossbows)

- Must be made of wood with feather fletching. Must have field tips. Aluminum arrows with plastic fletches are not allowed for score and competitions. Can have a modern plastic nock. ½ dozen to a dozen is a minimal number.

Miscellaneous Equipment

- Bracer/arm guard – for protecting forearm of bow arm (the one that holds the bow). Can be modern. Leather is the best material to use.

- Finger tabs – protection for fingers that pull the string back. Can be modern. Leather is the best material to use.

- Quiver - for arrows.

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Sources for Beginner Equipment

- Archery Shoppe, Carlisle north of I-40, (505) 878-9768
- Adventure Studios, 4765 Corrales Rd, Corrales, (505) 897-4874
- E-bay: there is a full range of archery stuff- including SCA sellers
- 3 Rivers Archery: http://www.3riversarchery.com/

The above standards are for Open Division. Period Division has more restrictions on equipment and is intended to be more authentic.

- Period Handbow – NO cut in shelf (may have an external shelf), Self nocks on arrows (the nock cut into the wood itself).
- Period Crossbow – See archery handbook, must only include mechanisms used in period.

II. Rules of the Range and Authorization

Authorization

This is a recent development (A.S. 39) in the Outlands. To be an authorized archer, you only need to be safe, not good. Authorization is required to participate in official competitions in the Outlands and to post scores. SCA membership is also required for authorization.

Rules of the Range:

1. Identify the marshal in charge. Follow all directions given by the marshal and do not nock or loose an arrow until instructed to do so.
2. Only nock one arrow at a time. Only nock when on the Line.
3. When an arrow is nocked, it must be pointed down range - A nocked arrow is equivalent to a loaded gun.
4. Do not cross shoot – Aim at the target in front of you.
5. When not shooting, stay at least 6 feet behind the line.
6. Do not step in front of the line to retrieve a fallen arrow.
7. If a hold is called on the line, stop and un-nock the arrow.
8. **If any archer** notices a safety concern, they can call hold. This includes items like an animal or person down range. Only the marshal can reopen the range.
9. Retrieve your arrows only when range is closed and you are so instructed to do by the marshal.
10. Each archer is responsible for making sure your equipment is safe (bows and arrows). If you're not sure what is safe, ask.

How do I become authorized? Attend your local practice. Inform the marshal in charge of your status (non-authorized). Any authorizing marshal present will observe and may ask you questions about the rules. Authorization is also done at events, when the range is open for practice.

III. Simple Scoring and Royal Round

The most common target used is 60 cm target with 5 concentric colored rings.

Open division scoring:
White (60-48 cm diameter) – 1 pt
Black (18-36 cm diameter) - 2 pts
Blue (36-24 cm diameter – 3 pts
Red (24-12 cm diameter) – 4 pts
Gold (12-0 cm diameter) – 5 pts
Period division scoring (Using same target):
60-24 cm diameter – 2 pts
24-6 cm diameter – 4 pts
6-0 cm diameter – 8 pts

If your arrow breaks the line of the next higher score, you receive the higher score. Always check with the marshal about scoring these hits.
The most common scorable shoot you will do is the Royal Round. This consists of:

1 end (round) at 40 yards – 6 arrows at leisure
1 end at 30 yards – 6 arrows at leisure
2 ends at 20 yards – (1) 6 arrows at leisure and (2) a timed end.

Timed ends are 30 seconds long. You have 30 seconds to fire as many arrows as accurately as you can. Pay attention to the marshal. Sometimes practice rounds are given at each range, sometimes the use of range-finder arrows are allowed in place of practice rounds. These arrows should be distinctly marked and those scores do not count.

III. Resources

http://archery.outlands.org
Archery Handbook, list of auth. marshals available here

http://www.outlands.org/archery/resources.html
Articles and more

http://huntingsociety.org/Fletchers.html
Great Traditional Archery information links

http://www.stickbow.com/
A place for information and equipment

http://www.zateev.net/ontarget/framesets/home_frameset.html
On Target, the An Tir archery site

http://www.primitivearcher.com/

Three Stags Autumn Battle and Faire

September 1 - 4, 2006

Barony of Caerthe
Casey Jones Park, 4189 Highway 86, Elizabeth CO 80107
Site opens at noon on Friday, September 1st
Site closes at noon on Monday, September 4th

The Barony of Caerthe invites one and all to the exciting new event that will transport you to a medieval town faire, and challenge you to battles grand until you can fight no more!

We have plans to build a town square and the faire will have A&S classes that look as if they are merchant booths in a town. For instance, a shoe making class can look like a cobblers shop, a cheese making class can be a dairy/cheese shop, a sewing class can be a tailors shop, etc. Class ideas will be welcome; if you would like to teach one let me know. We are planning an Artisans Row, this will be where the artist of this Kingdom can set up a workshop for the weekend. Those interested can stop and participate and learn the crafts demonstrated. Willing artisans are needed.

Shine up your helms, make your banners, and get your heraldic garb together! There will be a contest for the best heraldry display, for individuals and households, and a contest for the best display of Kingdom, Baronial, Shire, and Canton colors and devices. Make something to show your pride in your Kingdom! A parade through the town to the beginning of the Pas-de Arms tournament will show all your finery off.

Site Fee Schedule:

Jan. 1 thru May 31
Friday-Monday Adult $18.00, Kid $10
Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids $45.00; 2 Adults & 3+ Kids $55.00
Saturday-Monday Adult $15.00, Kid $10; Family Cap: same as above

June 1 thru August 15
Friday-Monday Adult $20.00, Kid $10.00
Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids $55.00; 2 Adults & 3+ Kids $65.00
Saturday-Monday Adult $18.00, Kid $10; Family Cap: same as above

At The Gate:
Friday-Monday Adult $30.00, Kid $15.00
Family Cap: 2 Adults & 2 Kids $65.00; 2 adults & 3+kids $75.00

Day Trip: Adult $10, Kid $6

Please see our web site for more info:
www.threestagsevent.com

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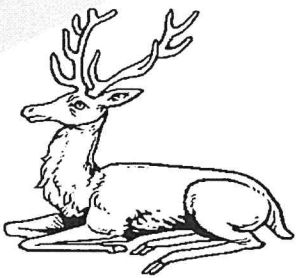

al-Barran Champions

September 15 - 17, 2006

Land's End, Stanley New Mexico.
Site opens at 12 noon on Friday, Sept. 15th
Site closes 4:00pm on Sunday, Sept. 17th
Site is wet, however all are expected to abide by all applicable laws.
This is a free event.

LORDS AND LADIES!

We pray your attendance at this, our yearly tournament.
Fighters, we pray you bring your strengths.
Archers, we pray you bring your skills.
Bards, we pray you bring your talents.
Artisans, we pray you bring your crafts.
All peoples, we pray you bring yourselves.
Come, join us at this,
The al-Barran Champions Tournament!

This is the first Tournament of Champions for Their Excellencies Gregor and Monika! All Fighters, Archers, Bards and Artisans and all good gentles of the Knowne Worlde are hereby invited to come to al-Barran for a weekend of chivalry, contest and revelry.

The schedule for this event is not yet finalized at this time. Look for frequent updates posted to the Outlands, al-Barran and Blaiddwyn e-lists.

The site is lightly wooded and all should bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Portable shade is encouraged. The trees are precious and so should not be damaged or dismembered. Fire restrictions are subject to change, updates will be posted on the Outlands, al-Barran and Blaiddwyn e-lists. Once again! Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, snacks and be prepared for hot days and cold nights.

*Anyone wishing to participate in any of the tournaments or the bardic competition must have a current subscription to the Baronial Shaft. A representative from the Chronicler's Office will be on hand at the event, should you wish to purchase or renew a subscription. You may also contact Lady Kymma at chronicler@al-barran.org for information on how to subscribe by mail.

Directions:

Take I-40 east from Albuquerque to Exit 196. Go North of NM 21 for 12 miles. Turn East (right) on White Lakes Road. Go 4.5 miles to Rough Road. Turn North (left) and go 2 miles. Turn East (right) at SCA sign and go 1 mile to Land's End.

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Blaiddwyn Pack Games

Greetings to the mighty Barony of al-Barran,

As the autocrat of Pack Games, I would like to invite the populace to participate in the College of Blaiddwyn's Pack Games on August 27th. There will be plenty of activities to participate in. There will be a period dish contest. We ask that these dishes be side dishes or desserts. The college of Blaiddwyn will be hosting a donation lunch. The main course will be provided and we ask that side dishes and desserts be donated. We will also have some Court Dancing and Middle Eastern Dancing at the event. For you artisans out there we will be having A&S displays. Please remember that fighter practice will be held at the UNM Duck Pond instead of at Bataan Park. Gate will open at 9:30 with Heavy List opening at 10:30. If you have any questions you may contact me at 505-332-3560. Further information will be forthcoming on the list.

In Service,
Danielle
Autocrat Blaiddwyn Pack Games

Midwinter Information

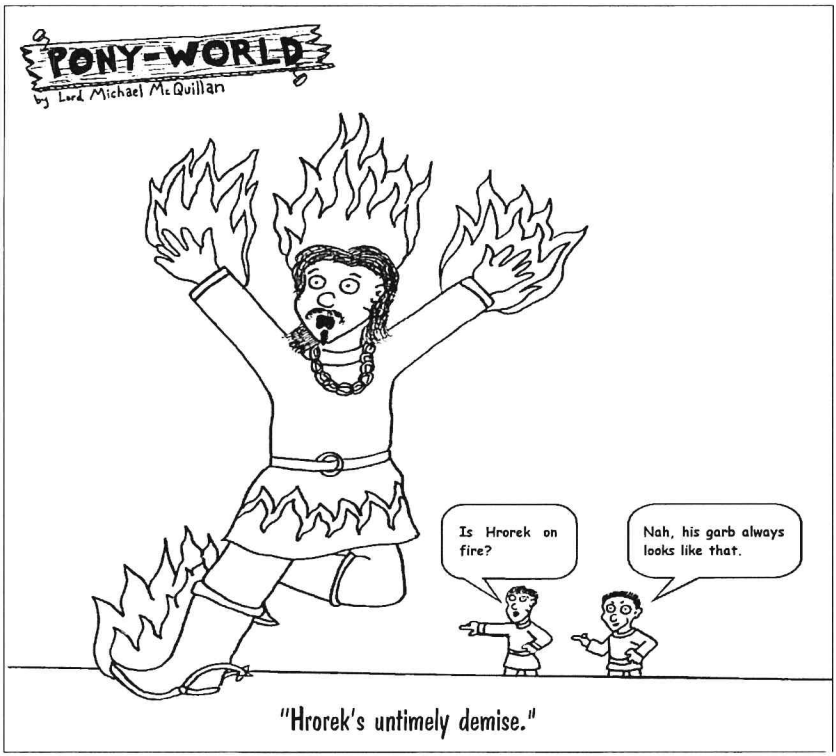
al-Barran Midwinter Feast 2006 CE
"Firenze e Milano"

From the offices of the Autocrat:

The history of the Italian Peninsula is one of city-states and their ambitions on the global stage. With the august Etruscans and their successors of Rome, Italy controlled the known world for centuries. Even after their fall at the hands of the barbarian hordes, power still emanated from Rome and the City-States surrounding her.

This Midwinter, please join Their Excellencies of al-Barran, Gregor and Monika, in celebrating the culinary treasures of two of the main city-states in the Wars that criss-crossed the Italian Peninsula during the mid 16th Century: Florence and Milan.

Presenting "Firenze e Milano", al-Barran's Midwinter Feast 2006 CE;
Vladimir Igorevich, Feast Steward; Æthelwulf the Goliard, Autocrat.



Court Dancing

Our next Court Dance practices are 8/6, 8/20 and 9/24 at fighter practice park, Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm (please note time change). Everyone, age 6 and up are welcome at our court dance practices. If you want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/. This free Yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

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I, _____, known in the SCA as_____, do hereby confirm that I am the ____ sole ____ joint artist/ author of the ____ art ____ song (words only) ____song (music only) ____ song (words & music) ____ article ____ story ____ poetry hereby designated: _____.

If I am a joint artist/author, I here name the others: (Note: If more than one person contributes to the work, all parties must sign releases.)

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By this writing, I/we hereby grant permission to the Baronial Shaft to publish this work, and reprint it as the Chronicler sees fit (which may include newsletters and publications of other branches of the SCA). Subject to these grants, I reserve all rights to this work.

I ____ do / ____ do not want my submission to be reprinted in other SCA publications.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

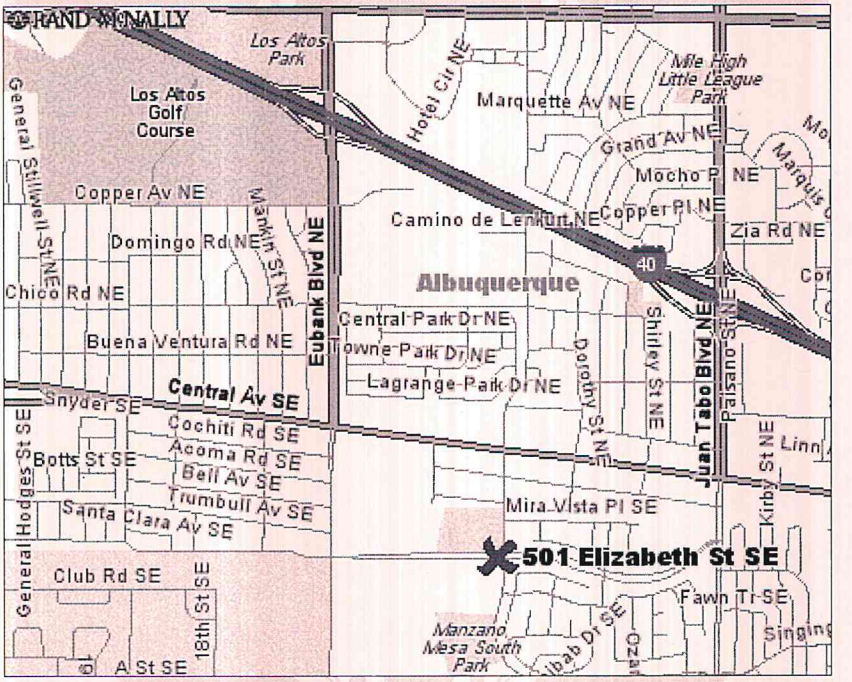
This release from must accompany all original works submitted to an SCA newsletter.

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on August 15th. Please contact the Seneschal, Lord Y Port Lairge at 265-0161 for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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